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## CAPITOL GLEANINGS.

### Free Interpretation of the Lottery Law.

### Projected Improvements in Army Rifles.

### Remains of General Crook Buried in Arlington Cemetery—Gold in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—In response to inquiries by Postmaster-General Wamamaker as to whether advertisements in newspapers of guessing contests in their various phases are in violation of the revised statutes, as amended by the anti-lottery act of September 19, 1880, Attorney-General Miller has submitted an opinion in which he holds in the negative.

The Attorney-General says, in the course of a lengthy opinion: "If the offers were not made in good faith it would be a scheme for obtaining money under false pretenses. Being made in good faith the gifts are doubtless offered with the purpose of increasing, directly as well as indirectly, the sale of those newspapers and increasing the business of those that offer the prizes."

"It is a clear statute directed against only such enterprises as are dependent upon lot or chance. It will hardly be contended that the enterprise under consideration was dependent upon chance within the meaning of the statute. It seems to me this question must be answered in the negative."

"In conclusion it may not be improper to say that this law was framed with a view to the suppression of certain well-known and widespread agencies for evil, and it is certainly not wise to embarrass its execution by a strained or unnatural construction in reaching after practices not thought of as a motive for its enactment."

### THE ORDNANCE BUREAU.

### Suggestions of General Bennett Toward Improvement in Small Arms.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The annual report of General Bennett, chief of ordnance, shows that the bureau expended during the last fiscal year \$2,289,920, leaving a credit in the Treasury of \$3,994,484.

On the subject of smokeless powder, General Bennett says: "Though some admiring results have been obtained in experiments abroad, it cannot yet be said with certainty that these new explosives will eventually supersede the present powder. The performance of the Maxim (American) and Vetterli (Belgian) powders are fairly comparable with those claimed to be obtained abroad, and it is hoped that one of these can be developed in time to a thoroughly satisfactory small-arm powder."

With reference to the procurement of modern small-bore rifles for the army, General Bennett says: "The lack of a sufficient quantity of suitable smokeless powder delays the perfecting of a caliber barrel, but it will be completed by the time a suitable magazine mechanism is selected. It seems particularly necessary, now that a change in the caliber is contemplated, that the present Springfield single-loading system should be replaced, if possible, by an equally efficient magazine system. A board should be convened to select a suitable magazine mechanism, after a full and free competition among all the best existing systems."

### Amount of Gold in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—A statement shows the amount of gold coin and bullion in the Treasury, \$298,514,150; gold certificates in the Treasury, \$39,437,550; gold certificates in circulation, \$135,953,790; net gold in the Treasury, coin and bullion, \$187,569,381.

### Buried With Military Honors.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The remains of the late Major General Crook were brought to this city this morning and were interred with military honors in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

### METHODIST MISSIONS.

### Annual Meeting of the Missionary Committee at Boston.

Boston, November 12.—The seventy-second annual meeting of the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church is in session here.

The report of the treasurer shows the disbursements from November, 1889, to October, 1890, as: Foreign missions, \$118,300; domestic missions, \$477,472; office expenses, \$25,739; publication fund, \$7,882; incidental expenses, \$43,813. Total, \$1,673,683. Receipts during the same time, were: \$1,135,271. A balance leaves the treasury in debt, October 31, 1890, the sum of \$538,412, including old indebtedness.

After a lengthy debate it was decided to make the limit of appropriation, including debt, incidentals, etc., \$1,200,000. Of this \$1,020,000 will be available for mission work.

### Winding Up an Insurance Company.

Chicago, November 12.—Attorney-General Hunt filed a bill this morning to wind up the affairs of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Chicago, and to set aside the deed of assignment executed a couple of weeks ago on the ground of fraud. Serious charges are made against the officers and directors of the company.

### BUSGEO RETURNS.

### Discrepancies Found on Censusing the Vote in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 12.—A number of important errors were discovered by the election commissioners this morning.

George H. Smith, Democratic candidate for Associate Justice of the Su-

preme Court, gained 104 votes in one precinct and 110 in another. Garoute gained 34 votes and Hoge, Democratic candidate for Justice of the Peace, gained 103 in the Sixth Precinct of the Thirteenth Assembly District. A number of other errors were found. Judge Fernal, for Congress, who has been keeping private tally, is stated to have gained 109 votes over the returns first announced.

### CASHIER SUICIDES.

### After Being Accused of Embezzling a Large Sum of Money.

KANSAS CITY, November 12.—The stockholders of the defunct Hall-Willis Hardware Company held a meeting yesterday and examined the books, finding a shortage of nearly \$100,000. Shelby Jones, treasurer of the concern, was charged with the responsibility of the shortage, but he denied it. Last night he suicided, leaving a note that he could not stand the unjust accusations. The stockholders all say he was responsible.

### Arrival of an Overdue Steamer.

NEW ORLEANS, November 12.—The steamer Gussie, from Nicaragua, fears for whose safety have been entertained, arrived today in a battered condition. She reports that a terrific hurricane delayed her. The town of Cape Gracias is a complete wreck, every house having been shattered by the wind.

### Gold Forwarded From Brazil.

LONDON, November 12.—The National Bank of Brazil has shipped \$200,000 in gold to its London branch. The gold is due in London early in December.

### CAUSED BY DECEPTION

### MCKINLEY INTERVIEWED ON THE ELECTION RESULTS.

A Campaign of Misrepresentation Caused Creditors People to Vote Against the New Tariff and Its Promoters.

CHICAGO, November 12.—Congressman McKinley arrived in Chicago yesterday, and is stopping at his sister's house, resting after his hard campaign.

He talked freely to an Associated Press reporter last night on the result of the recent election, and referring to the new tariff law, said, in part: "If it had much to do with the Republican losses, it is not because of the law itself, but because of the misunderstanding of its provisions among the people, and the studios efforts of free-traders at home and abroad to misrepresent it. The alleged marking up of prices was the most telling agency of deception. The law was less than a month old when the election occurred. Its effects could not be felt or showed by actual experience. Falsely told the place of fact and falsehood upon credulous people. Goods were said to have gone up in prices which had been placed on the free list in the new law, and many articles wherein duties had been reduced were said to have gone up, all because of the new law."

"Time alone will vindicate or condemn the measure. Misrepresentation and deception will no longer prevail now that the elections are over. Those who care to know its exact provisions can do so by an examination of the law itself, removed from partisan prejudice. 'The people, in my judgment,' said Major McKinley, 'will stand by protection. They always have when the issue has been presented fairly.'"

The Major refused to say anything as to the policy of the Republican party at the coming session of Congress, or the ticket of the party for the next campaign.

### THE BENWELL MURDER

### BIRCHALL TO BE HANGED TO-MORROW MORNING.

Curious Letter Received Declaring Him Innocent of the Crime and Threatening Vengeance.

WOODSTOCK, November 12.—Another letter concerning the Benwell murder has been received, signed by J. B. Litchfield, and dated at Buffalo.

In effect it says: "I am a member of a conspiracy which dealt with money and Englishmen who were brought out here to be robbed of their wealth."

The letter goes on to say the scheme was in working order before Birchall's coming to this country, and four of the party were at the swamp when Benwell and Birchall came along February 7. They met them and tried to induce Benwell to swear to assist them in the business or he would be killed. "Benwell would not listen and we shot him and cut his name from his clothing. We then told Birchall to get out of the country and gave him what articles we had taken from Benwell. We told Birchall we had chloroformed Benwell and he did not know he had been murdered."

The writer says: "As sure as Birchall dies not one board shall be left of the buildings of the juryman who sent him there. We have Judge McMahon spotted and should we have to wreck a train to murder him, we will. And we hereby notify him of the death awaiting him and the juryman also. If Birchall be hung it will make two men executed for our deeds, besides one undergoing life imprisonment."

### THE FRENCH COPPER TRUST.

### Winding Up of Affairs Shows a Heavy Debt Balance.

PARIS, November 12.—Le Matin says that the report of the liquidation of the Societe des Matiaux shows, despite the rise in the price of copper, that the shareholders of the company will receive nothing. Debenture holders and other creditors will receive only 34 per cent. The final liability of the company is estimated at 111,000,000 francs, and assets at 38,000,000 francs.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS.

### New York Stock Market Regaining Strength.

### Suspension of the North River Bank.

### A Firmer Tone Prevailing and an Idea that the Worst is Now Over.

NEW YORK, November 12.—The stock market today showed a materially better feeling, both in the street and outside, and there was the most gratifying confidence displayed that not only was the worst now over, but that improvement would be quick and sharp.

The action of the Clearing House Committee in coming to the relief of the banks in the difficulty was the means of restoring the confidence of many, while the improvement in the situation abroad was also a powerful factor to that end.

Not only were the active stocks much higher all day long, but the inactive specialties, which yesterday could not find buyers at any price, today were taken at constantly advancing figures, and the heavy drop in those shares was in a great measure made up. The liquidation in Wall Street is now believed to have marked the culmination of efforts to force a complete liquidation in the street, as those stocks had resisted the forces applied for a much longer time than any other group of stocks on the list. The impression is that now the whole situation has been changed for the better and that the improvement in the condition of affairs will be followed by higher prices all along the line. There is to be expected considerable selling of Northern Pacific securities and some others to liquidate loans, as was witnessed today, but the market now shows no pressure of stocks and the offerings of the past few days have undoubtedly been taken by strong parties. The unfavorable factors today were the continued sales under the rule, both for the account of the suspended firms, Decker, Howell & Co., and the two other brokers whose suspension was announced during the day.

There were still rumors of further trouble in financial circles, and the North River Bank went into the hands of the Examiner late in the day, though the fact was not made known until after the close of business. Foreigners were heavy buyers all day long, and transactions on foreign account were so large that a suspicion that the late sales for London were for short accounts was openly expressed. The loaning rates for stocks have been very high, and inquiry has been very urgent, which would go to give color to the suspicion.

The report that Gould had acquired control of the Union Pacific again was used for all it was worth, but the stock showed no response to the story. North American sold heavily, and, although taken freely, failed to advance with the remainder of the list, and was especially selling in comparison with Northern Pacific. Transactions in it, however, were on an enormous scale, and aggregated about one-quarter of the total business done in all securities.

The general list was very feverish, as was to be expected under the circumstances, but there was an almost continuous advance in prices from the morning to the close. President Tappan, of the Gallatin National Bank, and a member of the Clearing House Committee, said: "Our committee is now in session, signing certificates, but the indications are that their issue will be very small. Nothing in the situation, far as the associated banks in any way at all disturbing. Receivers White and Slocum, of the Sugar Trust, have taken possession of all properties and affairs of the trust. The meeting of the North American Railroad Company is over and a statement is authorized that the company has but few creditors. These agreed to see the company through and to see that the assets of the company should remain wholly intact."

J. C. Walcott & Co. announced their suspension on the Stock Exchange. It is not believed their failure will have any effect on the market.

Benjamin Trust, a stock broker, failed. He was only a small dealer.

### THE UNION PACIFIC CASUALTY.

One of the most important instruments used for effecting a rally in the stock values was the theory that Jay Gould had acquired control of the Union Pacific Railroad, based on rumors printed in a morning paper.

A Tribune reporter saw Mr. Gould this afternoon and he denied the truth of the published story. "Have you or your associates made purchases which give you control of the Union Pacific?" was asked.

"I have nothing to say about my private business transactions," Gould replied. "All that I ever said to anybody was that what stock I purchased, I paid for."

"Will you exert an influence upon the Union Pacific management or in any way, directly or indirectly, effect a change in the next election?"

Mr. Gould smiled and hesitated before his reply. "I am acquainted with some of the largest stockholders in the country," he said. "I might have some influence if I chose to exert it. There is a great dissatisfaction over the conduct of many of the railroads; there is an uprising which ought to effect great reforms in their management, for the roads have enough business to give them large profits, if they can obtain proper rates. In the Southwest we have made progress toward securing an agreement which will establish a stable rate."

"There has been no conference today that I know of, on this subject. The progress reported as made today is probably the result of previous conferences. The stockholders are aroused and indignant over the result of the warping rates. The best way to express the situation might be to say that if the railroad elections were to take place now the results might be as surprising as were the recent political elections."

William Rockefeller, whose name was connected with the fictitious interview, said: "So far as I am concerned there is nothing in the story. I have not seen Gould and have no interest in the Union Pacific."

Much was made in Wall Street on what was said to be an evasion of the direct issue as to the Union Pacific's control, when the questions were asked of Gould.

The Union Pacific has long been the subject of speculative rumors. Vanderbilt has been said to be seeking to control it, in spite of official denials given by him. The recent contest for control between the Vanderbilt and Gould legions has failed to save the Union Pacific from sharing liberally in the late slaughter of values.

It is common talk on Wall street that there will be a change in the Union Pacific management at the close of the month. Disaffection is frequently expressed with the present managers, and many stockholders accept implicitly the allegations of railroad rivals, that by its surrender to the Chicago & Northwestern, the Union Pacific has contributed the principal demoralizing element to the Western railroad situation.

Some Wall street persons go so far as to say that the dissatisfied stockholders of the Union Pacific are sufficiently powerful to force the resignation of Adams as president. As yet there is no open evidence of any organization for this purpose.

## WAR VESSEL WRECKED.

### British Cruiser Lost on the Spanish Coast.

### Only Three Are Saved of a Large Crew.

### Faulty Construction of the Vessel Supposed to Be the Cause—An Unseaworthy Craft.

LONDON, November 12.—The British torpedo cruiser Serpent foundered twenty miles north of Cape Finisterre. Out of a total of 250 souls on board only three were saved.

The Serpent went on the rocks during a storm Monday night. Owing to the violence of the storm it was impossible to send assistance from the shore. Tremendous seas swept the decks of the doomed vessel, carrying away group after group of the unfortunate men on board.

The Serpent's complement was 170 officers and men. The others were going to relieve men now on the African station.

Later dispatches say that the three survivors are of the opinion that none of the others got ashore. Four bodies have come upon the beach, three of them being women.

The Duke of Edinburgh was attending the Patri concert at Plymouth, when the news of the disaster reached town. He was immediately informed, and at once left the concert hall. After reading all the dispatches that had been received concerning the disaster, he went directly home, without returning to the concert hall. He expressed the utmost sorrow.

Newspaper offices at Plymouth were besieged by crowds of people anxious to hear news of the disaster. Among these were many wives and daughters of lost seamen.

The Serpent was built after the ideas of Admiral Cooper Key, who insisted upon immense horsepower, which, according to previous notions, was out of all proportion to her displacement. She could maintain a speed of seventeen knots per hour.

Lord Bessy, in a naval annual, adversely criticised the vessel. He said economy of weight had been carried to excess in her construction; that her plating was too thin and her armament overdone. In a sea way her heavy top weight would be a detriment to speed, and would unduly strain the hull. The vessel was 225 feet long, while she had a draft of only 14½ feet.

Relatives of the crew at Plymouth, and the dock yard people, are full of gossip of the lost cruiser. It is claimed she was unseaworthy and broke down in the trial trips.

The Serpent has a bad record. She broke down more than once in the maneuvers of 1888. Several admirals condemned the vessel and her class.

Lloyd's agent at Coruna telegraphed: "It appears that the Serpent was running for shelter in one of the bays north of Finisterre. If she foundered nobody need be surprised but the Admiralty; if she grounded on the reefs she could not stand five minutes battering in a heavy sea."

### CALLOUS CONDUCT.

### A Conservative Banquet Continues After Receiving News of the Wreck.

LONDON, November 12.—Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty, on rising to speak at a Conservative banquet this evening announced the loss of Her Majesty's ship Serpent. The announcement caused a sensation, but no action was taken to postpone the banquet. Lord George Hamilton led off in the toasts with an unusually jolly speech.

News of this affair reached the London clubs and excited much adverse criticism. It is considered that Hamilton's conduct may cause a scandal against himself and the other Tories.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

### The Old Dominion Hotel Works Jeopardized by Fire.

From the Globe Silver Belt.

A fire occurred at the Old Dominion Copper Company's works last Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock, which for a short time threatened the destruction of the hoisting works, and which disaster was averted only by the timely efforts of some forty or fifty employees, under the direction of Assistant Superintendent N. S. Berry and Mr. J. H. Canavan, head smelter.

The fire was discovered in the old charge room where, probably, some careless miner had left his candle burning after coming off shift. The flames rapidly spread to the tanks, close by, cutting off most of the water supply, and to the wood piled around the building, of which there was about 200 cords. That the engine house and other buildings were saved seems almost a miracle, and was due to the heroic efforts of the men and the absence of any wind.

The chief loss to the company was the tools destroyed. No interruption of mining will be caused. The company is to be congratulated on its escape from more serious loss.

### IRRIGATION WORKS.

### Incorporation of the Yuma Pumping Irrigation Company.

From the Yuma Times.

By reference to the articles of incorporation published elsewhere in this paper, it will be seen that a new irrigation company has been formed, having for its object to benefit the town of Yuma and adjacent country. The directors are John A. Muir, E. M. Sanford, Earl B. Coe, F. S. Ingalls and J. E. Carpenter. The officers are E. S. Ingalls, President; J. A. Muir, of Los Angeles, First Vice President; Van R. Kent, of Denver, Second Vice President; J. H. Carpenter, Secretary; E. B. Coe, of Denver, Treasurer; J. H. Carpenter, Superintendent; L. A. Hicks, Chief Engineer. The objects of

## SQUARE AND COMPASS.

### Arizona Masons in Grand Lodge Session.

### A Banquet Closes the Day's Proceedings.

### List of the Grand Lodge Officers Elected to Serve for the Ensuing Term.

The Grand Lodge of Masons met yesterday at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment and elected the following officers: George W. Cheyney, grand master; Alexander G. Oliver, grand senior warden; Jacob Abraham, grand junior warden; Martin W. Kales, grand treasurer, and George J. Roskrue, grand secretary.

### The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons met at 2 p. m. and concluded its election of officers as follows: Francis A. Shaw, grand chaplain; M. P. Freeman, grand lecturer; Morris Goldwater, grand captain of the host; James E. Burchard, grand Royal Arch chaplain; Frederick G. Brecht, grand organist; Arthur S. Foushee, grand sentinel.

Installation was made by George J. Roskrue, deputy grand high priest of the United States, assisted by M. E. L. S. Titus, past grand high priest of California. C. H. Knapp acted as grand captain of the host.

The Grand Lodge officers will be installed today at 11 o'clock. A convocation of high priests will be held this evening at 7 o'clock and the degree of high priesthood will be conferred on all past high priests present.

After the business meeting last evening the visiting members were escorted to the Commercial Hotel, where a banquet was given by Arizona Chapter No. 1 to the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M. Past Grand High Priest I. S. Titus acted as toast master, and the following regular toasts were offered:

"The Grand Lodge of Arizona, F. and A. M."—Response by M. W. George W. Cheyney, grand master-elect.

"The Grand Chapter of Arizona"—Response by R. W. A. G. Oliver, M. E. King.

"The Press"—Response by Comp. G. W. Brown.

"The Bar"—Response by Comp. H. B. Lightizer.

"The Ladies"—Response by Dr. Bel-den.

"The Pioneer Masons of California"—Response by P. G. M. I. S. Titus.

"The Pioneers of Arizona; Masons before Lodges"—Response by G. M. George J. Roskrue.

After the regular toasts were given volunteer speeches were made by P. G. M. Morris Goldwater, Companions R. A. M. Morford, Monahan, Coon, Creamer, Brecht, Abraham and Burchard, the pleasant occasion being ended by singing Auld Lang Syne, led by the Grand Organist.

The table was handsomely decorated with beautiful flowers from the gardens of Phoenix, the goldware being beyond criticism in their excellence, and the good fellowship and brotherly spirit of the speeches all combined to perfect a banquet that will long be remembered with pleasure by its participants.

### RAN OFF A BRIDGE.

### Wreck Reported of a Passenger Train in Oregon.

PORTLAND, November 12.—News has been received that a south-bound passenger train on the Southern Pacific has run off a bridge between Salem and Turner. Particulars are meager.

A reporter from Salem went to the scene, but has not yet returned. It is reported here that the engineer and fireman are both killed, and many of the passengers injured.

A wrecking train, with physicians on board, left about midnight for the scene of the wreck. It will, however, not reach there until late, as the distance is about sixty miles.

One report received says that every car in the train, except one Pullman sleeper, went off the bridge.

### LATEST FROM THE WRECK.

SALEM, Or., November 13.—Engineer John McFadden, Fireman Finnell and an unknown man riding on the front platform, were killed.

In all about a dozen were seriously injured. Conductor Conser C. Griebel was badly wounded.

### A HAPPY MARRIAGE.

### Wedding of Harry Parker and Miss Edith Morrell.

Harry Parker the popular engineer of the Fire Company, and Miss Edith Morrell, sister of Mrs. J. H. Burger, were married last evening by the Rev. Fuller at his residence.

After the happy couple were made one they repaired to a cottage home on Aravaipa Street, between Jefferson and Washington Streets, already prepared by the groom.

They were later serenaded by the Pioneer Brass Band and the Pioneer Hose Company, Mr. Parker being a member of both.

J. M. Sturges, the president of the band, made the speech of the occasion as follows:

MR. AND MRS. PARKER: On behalf of the Phoenix Band, I tender you on this most happy occasion my sincere congratulations. We congratulate you, Mr. Parker, on securing for a life partner one so fair and accomplished, who is as good as fair, and a bride worthy of one of our best members. We congratulate you, Mrs. Parker, in securing for a husband the happy man at your side. He needs no eulogy from us. Many hearts have been melted together over one made when the pleasure of your company was awaiting him, but duty is always a true man's first love, and the manner in which he has put off pleasure and performed his duty in the band room with us fully justifies us in saying that we know the fair side of this evening will be more than fortunate in her choice. And to you both we extend the hope that your lives may be useful and happy ones; and always remember that among your true and staunch friends will be the members of the Phoenix Pioneer Band.

Free-Thinkers Meeting.

A goodly number of the Free-thinkers of the city met in Justice Richards' office last night to effect the preliminary arrangements for the lectures of J. E. Renshaw, of Massachusetts, which are to be delivered in this city shortly. The meeting was purely informal, but free expression of opinion was granted to all. A final meeting will be held at the City Hall Sunday afternoon to arrange for three lectures at Patton's Opera House in the near future. All Free-thinkers are earnestly requested to attend the Sunday afternoon meeting.

### Free-Thinkers Social.

There will be a social meeting of the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, November 14, at 7 o'clock, in the Sunday-school room. The Rev. R. E. Field, of Cheyenne, Wyo., is expected to be present. Friends of the Church, and especially strangers, are invited by M. W. Messenger, clerk of session.

Birchall will be executed at Woodstock at 9 o'clock Friday morning.